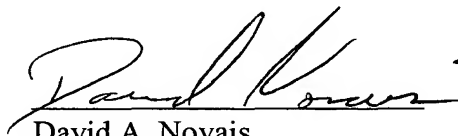


REMARKS

The present preliminary amendment makes changes to the specification to correct a minor informality. More specifically, the present preliminary amendment amends the brief description of the drawings section of the specification to delete reference to Fig. 8 which is not part of the drawings.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification by the current amendment. The attached page(s) is captioned **"Version With Markings To Show Changes Made."**

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David A. Novais", written over a horizontal line.

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